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1. The locations and activities of some units of General CHEN Yi's Communist 3 Field Army are as follows:
  - a. The 20 Army is moving from the Soochow area to join the 23 Army in the Huchow (120-06, 30-53)-Changhsing (119-56, 31-01) area. The 28 Army is to remain in the Soochow area\* to defend Soochow in the event of a Nationalist counterattack.
  - b. The main force of the 31 Army is now in Changshu (120-44, 31-39), with approximately 5,000 troops of the 31 Army in the Taitsang (121-07, 31-28) area\*\*.
  - c. The 29 Army is moving from the Chiahsing (120-45, 30-46) area.
  - d. Elements of the 25, 27 and 30 Armies, which occupied Hangchow, have since occupied Shaohsing (120-34, 30-00) and advanced on Ningpo (121-32, 29-54), an important business center.
  - e. Other elements of the 25, 27 and 30 Armies are now in the Iwu (120-03, 29-18) area, having advanced from Hangchow and occupied Hsiaoshanhsien (120-17, 30-10) on 5 May 1949 and Chuchi (120-13, 29-44) on 7 May\*\*\*.
  - f. The 21, 22 and 24 Armies are now in the Shihtai (117-57, 30-24) area. The 33 Army and an unidentified mechanized unit are now in the Wuwei (117-49, 31-21) area.
2. The locations and activities of some units of General LIU Po-cheng's Communist 2 Field Army are as follows:
  - a. The 10 and 11 Armies are now in the Tunchi (118-20, 29-44)-Hsiuning (118-11, 29-47) area. The 16, 17 and 19 Armies are in the Tungliu (116-57, 30-12)-Chihite (117-02, 30-07) area.

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b. On 4 May the 12 Army occupied Shouchang (119-13, 29-22) and surrounding area. Some elements of the 12 Army are now in Chiente (119-30, 29-34) which was occupied on 5 May; other elements are in the Lanchi (119-29, 29-13) area\*\*\*\*.

c. On 2 May elements of the 12 and 15 Armies occupied Wuyuan (117-52, 29-15); on 4 May these elements took Shangjao (117-54, 28-26), on 5 May took Yushan (118-13, 28-43) and on 6 May occupied Chiangshan (118-37, 28-45). These cities are all important rail centers on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railroad.

d. On 6 May elements of the 14 and 15 Armies advanced south from the Shangjao area.

e. On 4 May elements of the 13 Army occupied Hengfeng (117-31, 28-22), on 5 May Kueichi (117-08, 28-16) and on 6 May Tunghsiang (116-33, 28-17); these cities are all on the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway.

f. Elements of the 13 Army are now advancing toward Chihhsien (116-13, 28-22), which is approximately 40 miles from Nanchang (115-53, 28-40).

3. The locations and activities of some units of General LIN Piao's Communist 4 Field Army are as follows:

a. On 6 May the 43 Army occupied Kuangchi (115-39, 30-05) and advanced on Huangmei (115-58, 30-01)\*\*\*\*\*.

b. Hankow is now besieged by the 40 Army, which advanced from Huangpo (114-25, 30-54), and the Chiang Chia (江叉) Column, which advanced east from Hsiaokan.

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Comment. The 26 Army in the Chiating area and the 5,000 troops of the 31 Army now moving toward the Taitsang area will converge on Woosung and Paoshan (121-31, 31-26) to cut off a possible Nationalist withdrawal by sea.

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[REDACTED] stated that on 5 May Hsiaoshanhsien railway station was attacked by elements of CHEN Yi's troops.

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Comment. The 12 Army probably will proceed to Chinhua (119-39, 29-07)(an important rail center); possibly to be met there by the elements of CHEN Yi's command now at Iwu.

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Comment. The 43 Army is expected to take Huangmei, cross the Yangtze River, occupy Chiuchiang (116-03, 29-43) and proceed down the rail line to take Nanchang.

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Comment. A long-time missionary in Canton has stated that the Chamber of Commerce and the local Chinese elders have assured him that the Canton take-over agreement will be completed with the Chinese Communists within ten days, assuring a peaceful turn-over when possible for the Communists. An officer with wartime experience with the East River Column, now in Canton, stated that on 10 May 2,000 well-equipped Communist regular troops were advancing from the vicinity of Maoming (Kaochou) 110-53, 21-45) toward Canton. Some middle echelon Kwangtung officials have already been individually contacted by the Communists and asked to remain at their posts after the takeover.

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